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SUBJECT: VISIT OF NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT ENGRAVER

1. MR. ASUMOH E. EKUKINAM, DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR, NIGERIAN SECURITY PRINTING AND MINTING CO. LTD., LAGOS, WILL BE IN U.S. DURING MID-JULY AND REQUESTS MEETING WITH COUNTERPART OR OTHER OFFICIALS IN U.S. BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING. VISIT, WHICH EMBASSY IMAGINES WOULD LAST AT LEAST ONE HALF DAY, WOULD BE FOR PURPOSE OF GENERAL FAMILIARIZATION AND, IDEALLY, WOULD INCLUDE PLANT TOUR AND DISCUSSION OF OPERATING PROCEDURES.

2. MR. RKIKINAM IS NOT YET CERTAIN OF DATES HE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON. SINCE HE DEPARTS NIGERIA ON JUNE 28, I.E. PROBABLY TOO SOON FOR REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE TO REACH HIM IN NIGERIA, EMBASSY HAS ADVISED HIM TO TELEPHONE OFFICE OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING (202/964-7514), ON ARRIVAL IN U.S. (PROBABLY JULY 14) TO ARRANGE TIME OF VISIT.

3. FYI. NSPMC MINTS NIGERIAN COINS AND PRINTS ALL BANKNOTES AND STOCK CERTIFICATES. IT IS OWNED 60 PERCENT BY NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT AND 40 PERCENT BY THOMAS DE LA RUE AND CO. OF U.K. MANAGING DIRECTOR IS U.K. NATIONAL: EKIKINAM IS HIGHEST-RANKING NIGERIAN EMPLOYEE. HE WILL BE IN U.S. AS PART OF VISIT TO OTHER DE LA RUE AFFILIATES IN U.K. AND LATIN AMERICAN. EKIKINAM HAS ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN VISITING PRIVATE U.S. LITHOGRAPHERS, AND EMBASSY ASSISTED HIM IN IDENTIFYING SEVERAL LARGE FIRMS WITH WHOM HE WILL MAKE OWN CONTACT. EKIKINAM IS U.S.-EDUCATED (MOORHOUSE COLLEGE, WHARTON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS) BUT HAS NOT VISITED BUREAU OF

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ENGRAVING AND PRINTING SINCE HE TOOK TOUR FOR TOURISTS WHEN

HE WAS STUDENT. END FYI.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. EMBASSY HOPES BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND
PRINTING WILL BE ABLE RECEIVE EKIINAM AND EXTEND APPROPRIATE
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